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SUBJECT: SECRETARY CLINTON'S REPLY TO ST. VINCENT AND THE
GRENADINES PRIME MINISTER RALPH E. GONSALVES, S/ES
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11. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY
CLINTON TO PRIME MINISTER GONSALVES. THERE WILL BE NO
SIGNED ORIGINAL.

12. BEGIN TEXT:

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your thoughts regarding the Department's
ninth annual Trafficking in Persons Report. I am writing
to address your concerns about the Report's assessment of
St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The Report strives to be
as objective and fair as possible, and we take seriously
our responsibility to use the Report as an accurate
diagnostic tool for future partnerships.

As a phenomenon that often occurs hidden behind organized
crime activities, labor migration, or child sexual
exploitation, human trafficking is often difficult to
measure with precision. We continue to grapple with the
challenges of estimating the trafficking problem here in
the United States and identifying and caring for all
victims of trafficking. We lend our support to all
nations who will join us in proactively seeking out
instances of human trafficking.

I understand that Ambassador at Large for Trafficking in
Persons Luis CdeBaca recently met with Ambassador La
Celia Prince to provide information about the annual
Report process. I have asked Ambassador CdeBaca to work
with your government in a spirit of partnership and to
assist with the tools most appropriate to the situation
in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

As I stated during the release of this Report on June 16,
the Report is not intended as an indictment of the past,
but rather a guide for future progress. Please be
assured of my sincere commitment to working with your
government and others to combat the serious human
trafficking that is seen around the world.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

END TEXT.
CLINTON